

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H HORSE CLUB & SUMMER HORSE CAMP

Girls and Boys ages 5 – 18 with an interest in horses or ponies are welcome to attend as guests the next Peppermint Ponies 4H Horse club meetings on March 26, April 9 and April 23, May 14 and May 28 from 6 – 7:30 pm at North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont, NH. Youth do not need to have a horse and there is no charge for attending. If youth want to join the club, there are annual dues and a cost for 4H work books. Information on 4H Summer Horse Camp at North Road Farm is available. For more information contact Jan Brubacher, Club Leader, North Road Farm 370 North Road, Fremont, NH 03044. Phone: 679-3367 farm or 303-1584 cell. Email and web: j.brubacher@comcast.net www.Peppermintponies4h.org or www.northroadfarm.com.

FAA BASKETBALL SEASON THANKS

The Fremont Athletic Association would like to thank the following for a great 2007-2008 basketball season.

COACHES: Chris Donahue, Joel Breton, Chuck Howard, Mark Pitkin, Todd Bernhardt, Glenn Sabalewski, Scott Keeler, Dave Perkins, Wendy German, Steve Fenderson, Marc Wood, Yvonne Ouellette, Janice Emery, Hayley Lane-Therault, Pete Kelleher, Mike Weymouth, Steve Hines, Darin Melanson, David Peterson, Ralph Girardi, and Bob Ficker

SPONSORS: Margaritaville, Todd C Rich Custom Builder, Schreibers Collision & Restoration, Lennon Corp, Pitkin Construction, K P Electric, Lavelle Associates & Land Surveyors, Barn Yard Buddies, State Farm, Fremont Pizzeria & Restaurant, Access Sports Medicine, Liberty Square Market, and Benson's Driving School.

PARKS & RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for an additional member to round out this volunteer group. Would you like to become more involved in Fremont? Do you have interest in recreational activities? This position might be for you. Currently the group meets the second Wednesday of the month at the town Hall at 7:00 pm. They plan and run such events as the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday Tree Lighting, six week Summer Camp Fremont Program; and they are always looking for additional ideas to involve the community in activities. Call or email Renee King for more information at 244 1404 or reneeking@comcast.net.

DOG LICENSE REMINDER

The 2008 dog license tags are available. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing and the Town Clerk's office is required to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30th to prevent a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact our office so we can remove your name from the list. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30th. For your convenience, we can mail your license(s) for an additional fee of \$1.00 per license. Fees are as follows:

Male / Female: \$10.00 Neutered Male: \$7.50
Spayed Female: \$7.50 Puppies (3 - 7 mos.): \$7.50
Mail-in / Convenience Fee: add \$1.00 per license

BULKY DAY

The spring bulky day will be held, if we have enough volunteers, on Saturday May 17, 2008. Updates will be posted on the Recycling Page of the town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov; and a mailer will be sent out with further details. We need your help to make this event happen. Email Heidi at FremontTA@comcast or call Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office at 895 2226 and leave the shift you'd like to cover (8:00 am to 10:30 am or 10:30 am to 1:00 pm). We try and shuffle workers at 10:30 am to keep everything moving smoothly.

Thank you for your help in keeping this event going!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A Care Giver Support Group has started in Fremont, for anyone that cares for someone with a disease such as Alzheimers, Parkinson's or any type of dementia. We share support and knowledge with others in the same situation. We meet at the Fremont Public Library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9 pm. As we grow we will also invite speakers on topics of interest.

We are not affiliated with any organized group and we know there are others in Fremont that could benefit from this type of support group. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Bettie Valentine at 300 6518 or by email at betwoman@earthlink.net.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION NEWS

A special "Thank You" to the two (2) Fremont families who recently brought in plastic grocery bags filled with LabelsForEducation UPCs to the Ellis School lobby collection box -- what a great collection effort by two Fremont families !!

CAMP FREMONT SUMMER PROGRAM

The Camp Fremont Summer Program will soon be accepting registrations for six week-long camp sessions. Camp Fremont is a safe environment where your child can develop emotionally, socially, and physically for the summer. With a low camper-to-counselor ratio, your child will receive lots of individual attention. Campers will participate in a variety of physical and arts & crafts activities, as well as attend field trips and be entertained by educational presenters. Each session will be offered according to an overall theme, so you can sign your child up for activities that they will enjoy. Field trips and a Camp Fremont t-shirt are included. Come see how much fun Camp Fremont can be!

Who: Students graduating from grades 1-8; **When:** Monday-Friday; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; **Cost:** \$90.00 per week (includes field trips); \$80.00 for each additional family member.

The following sessions are being offered (themes to be announced): July 7-11, July 14- 18, July 21-25, July 28- Aug 1 Aug 4-8, Aug 11-15. We are also offering before care from 8:00-9:00 am and after care from 3:00-4:00 pm. Each service is \$10 per week (\$2 per day/ \$4 per day for both services). During this time, your child will be supervised but will not be led in structured activities.

Registration forms and camp information guides will soon be available at the Ellis School, Fremont Town Hall, Fremont Public Library, and online at <http://www.fremont.nh.gov/fnhgparkrec1.shtml>. Please email me with any questions at missj1133@yahoo.com. Jen Jaquith - Camp Fremont Summer Program Director

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The following Fremont Organizations are looking for new members:

Open Space Committee
Planning Board
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Representative to the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee
Consider becoming involved! Learn more about your town and perform a very valuable community service. Contact the Town Offices for information and we will refer you to someone who can give you details about the positions and what they entail. Also check the town website www.Fremont.nh.gov for more information and contact names, numbers and email addresses. Get involved in making Fremont the place you want to live!

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. The high amounts of winter snow will cause added drainage and runoff issues this spring. Please help keep the ROW area clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way or they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.

CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTRACT

The Board of Selectmen has spent February and March working to negotiate a new contract for the curbside collection of solid waste and recycling since learning that Carl Hussey (Cape Disposal) would not be able to fulfill the contract requirements previously agreed. An RFP was drafted and posted, with three respondents submitting bids.

These bids were publicly opened on February 28th; with time then spent reviewing, comparing, and checking references. Selectmen met with the two lowest bidders and made a final decision on March 18th to award this contract to Waste Management of New Hampshire, Inc.

Waste Management will assume the contract as of April 1, 2008 and will begin collection on Wednesday April 2nd and Thursday April 3rd. One of our reasons for choosing this proposal was its affordability combined with Waste Management's previous collection experience in the Town of Fremont. Secondly, this contract will allow the Town an option to move to a "toter" or cart type of collection, which was discussed favorably at Town Meeting.

We do anticipate that there may be some questions during this transition, and encourage you to call the Waste Management Customer Service Center at 1-800- 847-5303 with any questions. We ask that you please be patient as both the Town and Waste Management acclimate to this change in services.

Furthermore Waste Management will be sending a flyer to all residents in the coming 2 to 3 months, further explaining the future implementation of the cart system in greater detail. At that time Waste Management will also outline a slight change in the collection schedule (moving Wednesday collections to Friday). Until this time all collection schedules and services will remain the same. Please watch your mail carefully for this information from Waste Management. Another article will be published in the May Newsletter with additional updates, you may also visit the towns website; www.Fremont.nh.gov and check the Recycling Page.

Thank you very much for your patience and cooperation as we work through these changes.

DRIVEWAY PAVING PERMITS

Before any driveway is paved or resurfaced, approval is needed from the Road Agent. Grading and drainage issues need to be checked before any pavement (new or replacement) is installed. New driveway construction also requires a permit from the Town. The Planning Board Driveway Regulations, new driveway construction permit, and the driveway paving permit are all available on the Town website at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Road Agent page.

Driveway permits and an inspection are also required when installing or relocating your driveway, for improvements such as garage construction. Contact Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429 for more information. Permits and regulation information are also available at the Selectmen's Office during regular office hours.

Get ready for your spring projects and get permits in order early!

All other permitting questions can be directed to the Building Inspector Thom Roy at 895 3200 x 18 or by email to FremontBI@comcast.net.

FREMONT FOOD PANTRY

The Fremont Food Pantry would like to express our sincere thanks to all that have made donations towards our Easter Holiday food baskets. The success of these baskets, which included all the

trimmings for a perfect holiday meal, would not have been possible without the generosity of the people within our community.

For the first time ever, the Fremont Food Pantry has to ask that people hold off on donations of non-perishable items! Fortunately for us we have too many canned goods and not enough places to keep them. However, we are always in need of paper products, household items, health & beauty aids, condiments and frozen foods.

Thanks to all who continue to support our efforts! We wish all of you a safe and happy spring!

FREMONT ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Fremont Energy Committee is going to make available a program to do energy audits on homes and businesses. At this time, the details or timing are not available, but hopefully something will be in place this year, and improved upon over time. In addition, there are programs in place at this time, provided by energy suppliers; and the committee will provide details on how to access these programs. Please contact us if you are interested in these programs.

The following are a few reminders and suggestions to assist in your energy saving efforts:

- * Run your dishwasher with only a full load & use the energy saving setting.

- * Turn your water heating setting to 120 degrees. If the device is over 7 years old and does not have internal insulation, wrap an insulating jacket around it.

- * As you replace home appliances, select the most energy efficient models. Any additional cost will be recovered many times over due to the lower energy use.

- * RECYCLE! Our current vendor for trash pickup is no longer able to stay in business, and all of the bids submitted by potential new vendors are substantially higher, resulting in higher than anticipated costs in 2008 and beyond. There are two components to our solid waste costs: The cost to a hauler to bring the trash to the landfill, and the cost per ton to dump the trash. We pay the hauler to pick up recyclables and trash, but there is no cost to dispose of recyclables whereas the trash disposal fee is approximately \$65/ton.

The next meeting of the Fremont Energy Committee will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday April 15, 2008 in the main meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall.

FREMONT PLAYGROUP

Join parents and caregivers on Fridays 9:30 - 11:00 am at the Peoples Methodist Church across from the Safety Complex (We are a non-denominational group). It is a fun, relaxed environment to meet other parents and children. Toys, crafts and story time offered. Birth to preschool age children are welcome. Free of charge for Fremont residents, \$2.00 for surrounding communities. No registration needed, just show up. For more information please contact Brinn Chute at 679-2275 or brinnmargaret@yahoo.com.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

The Fremont Planning Board has changed their meeting schedule to the first, third, and fourth Wednesday of each month. The schedule is updated in the newsletter, on the Town's website, and posted at the Town Offices and Fremont Post Office.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The Selectmen will shortly be contracting with Municipal Pest Management Services to again undertake Fremont's mosquito control program. Check the Town Website (Health page) for the proposal and other information on mosquito control, WNV, and EEE.

All indicators are that mosquitoes, EEE and WNV will continue to be public health concerns in New Hampshire this year. If you do not have web access, call the Selectmen's Office and we can send you a copy of the proposal, or any of the fact or other information sheets that are posted.